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In re Application of:

Steven D. McNeil

Application No.: 10/057,075

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Art Unit: 3752

For: Method of Controlling Fires

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is a small entity.

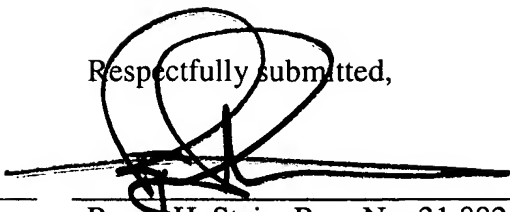
The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

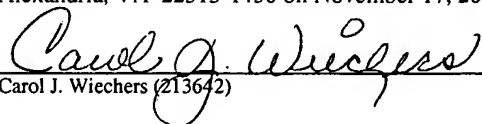
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004**

This Reply is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed September 7, 2004.

The original period for response is a shortened statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Official Action making this Response due by December 7, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is considered to be timely filed.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Conclusion** is contained on page 7 of this paper.